

## J.D. Currie Youth Camp, Inc.

the Camp, the directors in 1953 acquired a surplus war housing cottage and had it moved to a knoll adjoining the camp entrance. The cottage is made available rent-free in exchange for caretaking responsibilities. At present a Crown Zellerbach employee is serving as caretaker. Previously we have used retired associates.

Building at the site thus include the lodge, separate toilet buildings, a covered outdoor cooking fireplace and the caretaker's cottage. Drilled wells provide excellent water at the lodge and cottage.

The campsite has many natural advantages as well as those which are being continuously improved. A particularly beautiful spot is a natural amphitheater near the lodge where evening council fires are built. Here after - dark story telling and impressive ceremonials hold the campers enthralled.

A large athletic field has been cleared and developed by the good will of a city officials who sent out grade equipment without charge. Even the operator refused compensation. This is the scene of many spirited athletic events.

A large swimming hole has been gouged out at the spot where Lacamas Creek runs into the lake. This is only about three feet deep and is constructed especially for beginning swimmers to paddle around and have fun.

The 40-acre area provides an ideal situation for nature study. Among wild life most easily observed is deer, rabbit, squirrels, porcupine. Mallard ducks raise their young in the mud flats at the edge of the water. The region harbors many kinds of birds. For years, a pair of eagle had a nest in full view of the lodge. Apparently the ice storm a couple of years ago cause them to abandon their nest. All of these advantages are found in this campsite which is only five miles from Camas on a fully improved road.

Small trees have been donated several times by the company to set out for a permanent arboretum. The Boy Scouts and Boy Rangers have set out over 3000 trees: the following are some of the species:

Port Orford Cedar	McNab Cypress
Ponderosa Pine	Cypress Special
Arizona Cypress	Monterey Pine
Sargent Cypress	Redwood
Incense Cedar	Noble Fir
Western Hemlock	Cork Oak....

...also several other species that did not survive. The arboretum has served as source material for many Scout projects in tree identification.